



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 21, 2008**

**DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hochman called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Hochman, Michael Jordan, Lee Moldaver, Roger Schlueter, Daniel Wilson

Committee members absent: George Weber

Liaison members present: None

Liaison members absent: Councilmember Iya Falcone, Planning Commissioner John Jostes, Park and Recreation Commissioner Beebe Longstreet

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Outreach Coordinator Jill Sarick Santos, Water Resources Specialist Autumn Malanca, Creeks Program Assistant Liz Smith

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Jordan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2008.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Jordan reported that he attended the annual meeting of the Greater Santa Barbara Lodging Association and the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Santa Barbara, and was encouraged by the efforts of the California Travel and Tourism Commission to bring tourism to Santa Barbara.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **9a. Youth Education and Outreach Update**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on Creeks Division youth education and outreach activities.

Documents:

Staff Report – May 2008

Power Point Presentation – May 2008

Speakers:

Jill Sarick Santos, Creeks Outreach Coordinator

#### **Mr. Wilson arrived at 5:36pm.**

Public Comment:

Mr. Osiris Castaneda, Youth CineMedia Director, thanked the Committee and Creeks staff for the opportunity to provide outreach and media support.

Mr. Darren Carreno thanked the Committee for their time and the opportunity to gain experience with Youth CineMedia.

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the Youth CineMedia program and commended the program; and, asked whether the film has been shown elsewhere.

Mr. Carreno reported that the film has been shown within the Creeks Division, at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, and to a visiting film director from Argentina.

Mr. Benson noted that the video may also be shown on Univision as a Public Service Announcement.

Committee members asked questions regarding the Adams School project budget; and, the summer Youth Apprentice Program.

Mr. Benson reported that the estimated cost of the Adams School project is \$45,000, and that staff has applied for grants with the National Fish and Wildlife Federation and the Wetlands Recovery Project.

Mr. Jordan suggested that even if grants are not awarded, Committee and staff should remain open to using Measure B funds for the Adams School project.

Mr. Benson reported that staff is also looking at developing projects for Youth Apprentices to work on and coordinating staff to supervise apprentices.

Committee members asked questions regarding how Youth CineMedia partnered with the Creeks Division; whether other community programs receive Creeks funding; and, whether staff would be open to other ideas from the community.

Mr. Castaneda reported that a former partner at Youth CineMedia introduced him to the Creeks Division, and that staff was very accessible; that he hopes to work with more City departments in the future; and, that it has been exciting for students to bridge the generational gap and work with members of the Committee and the community.

Mr. Benson reported that Creeks contracts with many outside programs, such as Sojourner Kincaid Rolle for the Speak for the Creeks program and Art From Scrap; and, that staff is very receptive to ideas from the community.

Mr. Hochman asked that staff add a link to the Creeks website showcasing work Youth CineMedia has done.

**9b. Recommended Fiscal Year 2009 Budget**

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend approval of the Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2009 budget to the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Documents:

Staff Report – May 2008

Power Point Presentation – May 2008

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager

Committee Questions:

Committee members asked whether the Haley Street Bridge Replacement project will affect the Haley Diversion or the Creeks Division budget.

Mr. Benson reported that any necessary work on the Haley Diversion will be part of the bridge replacement project budget.

Motion:

Committee members Jordan/Moldaver to recommend approval of the Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2009 budget to the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Committee Discussion:

Mr. Moldaver noted that with the exception of the four recommended adjustments, the budget has already been approved.

Committee members asked questions regarding Creeks funding of the City's street sweeping program; funding for the Technical Assistance Program; how budget approval will move forward; how the lower Transient Occupancy Tax and higher costs were reconciled; and, whether enough funding is budgeted for additional youth programs.

Mr. Benson reported that he will review Creeks funding of street sweeping and report back to the Committee at a future meeting; while no funds are budgeted for the Technical Assistance Program in Fiscal Year 2009, funding from previous years will roll over, and staff will bring the program to the Committee at a future meeting; following Committee approval of the budget, it will continue to Park and Recreation Commission on May 28, and City Council on June 10; there was a surplus of revenues over expenses in the original budget, which provided enough funding to cover a decrease in revenues and an increase in expenses; and, that while most youth program funding is allocated for Fiscal Year 2009, staff will begin working on the next two year budget this fall, at which time there will be an opportunity to look at future programs.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

**9c. Technical Guidance Manual for Post Construction Storm Water Management – DRAFT Review**

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and provide comments on the City's Draft Technical Guidance Manual for Post Construction Storm Water Management.

Documents:

Staff Report – May 2008

Power Point Presentation – May 2008

Handout – Draft List of Exemptions – May 2008

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager

Committee Questions:

Committee members suggested staff clarify thresholds and requirements on Project Tier Table 1-1; explore incentives for property owners who incorporate BMPs; and, address the difference between a remodel and an entire rebuild.

Committee members asked questions regarding drafting an ordinance; what the next steps are in the Manual approval process; where the Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) is available for review;

Mr. Benson reported the Manual will not necessarily become an ordinance, but provides a foundation, and that the City Attorney's office would likely draft any ordinance; that following public meetings and input, the Manual will go to Council, but it will be an administrative guidance document, and will not be formally adopted; that the SWMP is available online at [www.sbcreeks.com](http://www.sbcreeks.com);

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Committee Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding training for staff, commissions and boards involved in approval process; and, whether Creeks staff will be reviewing projects.

Mr. Benson reported that a training element is currently happening, and will be available for staff, commissions and boards, particularly design review boards, as part of the implementation process; and, that Creeks does some project review now, and will be available to provide assistance, but review will largely fall to the Planning Division and Engineering Division.

Mr. Jordan requested that staff provide a presentation regarding the role Creeks plays in the normal project review process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Schlueter to adjourn.

Chair Hochman adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager